

# OBITUARIES

**ROBERT F. FRYE**  
Services for Robert Francis Frye, 76, of Farmington were June 27 in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Livonia with the Rev. Eric Steinbrenner officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.  
Mr. Frye was born June 28, 1923, in Detroit and died June 23 in Farmington Hills. He was a former U.S. Marine.  
He is survived by wife Lois; son, Robert (Patricia) Frye; daughter Paula Lewis; granddaughters, Stephanie Stein; grandsons, Kenneth Frye, Patrick Frye and Paul Lewis; and great-granddaughter, Ann Margaret Stein.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 17810 Farmington Road, Livonia 48152.  
**JAMES G. McDONALD**  
Services for James Gabriel McDonald, 76, of Farmington Hills, will be held at 10:30 a.m. today, June 29 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Arthur Spafford officiating. Burial will be in Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.  
Mr. McDonald was born June 16, 1924, and died June 25 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.  
He is survived by daughters,

Gail (Jon) Jiekro, Jill Miller and Lynn (Russ) Green; brother, Jack (Mary) McDonald; sister, Jeannette (Phillip) Hagerty; and six grandchildren.  
Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.  
**CLARA C. NELSON**  
Services for Clara C. Nelson, 95, of Farmington Hills, were held June 27 at Mortenson Funeral Home in Suttons Bay, Mich.  
Mrs. Nelson was born Feb. 19, 1905, in Greenville, Ohio, and died June 25 in Northport, Mich. She is survived by daughter, Yolanda Lambert; son, David

Nelson; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Harold.  
**ALFRED O. WANTIN**  
Services for Alfred Otto Wantin, 84, of Livonia, were held June 27 at Thayer-Hock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. William Hopper officiating.  
Mr. Wantin was born July 17, 1905, in Kenosha, Wis., and died June 25 in Livonia. He worked in tool and die for the automotive industry and was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the Finnish Center and Order of Foresters.  
He is survived by brothers,

Oliver (Eather), Rudolph (Carol) and Reino (Barbara); and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife, Signa.  
Memorial contributions may be made to the Finnish Center, 35200 Eight Mile, Farmington Hills 48335.  
**CAROL A. COHAGEN**  
Services for Carol Ann Cohagen, 68, of New York will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, July 3, at Wm. R. Hamilton Company Funeral Home in Birmingham with burial in Franklin Cemetery in Franklin.  
Ms. Cohagen was born Dec. 27, 1941, in Highland Park and died

June 25 at the Sloan Kettering Memorial Hospital in New York, N.Y. She was a Michigan State graduate, belonging to Alpha Phi sorority. She was an insurance agent for John Hancock. Previously a stock broker in New York, she was associated with Merrill Lynch and Lehmann Brothers in New York. She was a Girl Scout leader in China Town and past president of the Lion's Club in New Jersey. She was also a Rainbow Girl with the Order of Eastern Star.  
She is survived by her parents, Josephine and Donald Cohagen; sisters, Marsha Reid and Pamela Sullivan; and brother, Donald Jr.  
Memorial contributions may be made to Sloan Kettering Memorial Hospital, 1275 York Avenue, New York, NY 10021.

## Police

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restaurant on 12 Mile Road reported \$300 missing from the drive-through cash register this weekend.

### SHOTS FIRED?

A driver delivering newspapers in the area of Old Timber and Quaker Way early Saturday morning told police she heard someone yell, "Shoot, Shoot" as she passed in front of one home. The woman sped away and called police, who conducted a check of the area.

While that was going on, someone arrived at the Hills Police Department on 11 Mile Road to report seeing four men in the same area, who were apparently looking for the people who broke out their car window. Officers found the group, and a search of one of the men's homes turned up a BB gun, a shotgun, three rounds of ammunition, CO2 cartridges, a scope and BBs. The items were confiscated, and the BB gun's owner said he hadn't fired it recently.

## Pupils

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ment, the state is expected to pay for 28 percent of special education costs but is only paying 7 percent.

One suggestion for the school aid bill was for a "blue-ribbon" panel to be set up to study special education financing issues.

But the recommendation did not find its way into the final measure, and there were no new dollars for special education, Reid said. "It's just another shell game they've been putting over on voters for a number of years."

"This (foundation increase) would be great if, in addition, special education underfunding was handled," Reid said. "Then, I think we'd be moving forward. As it is, we're treading water."

Trustee Gary Sharp agreed. "Until they decide to step up, we're going to see an increasing shortfall every year," Sharp said. "It's going to get worse."

The underfunding of special education led to the so-called Durant lawsuit in 1980. Farmington was among 84 local and intermediate school districts that sued the state. A second Durant lawsuit was filed in 1998.

Both times, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the local districts. But Engler continues claiming victory in both cases, Sharp said. "It's politics at its worst."

Is the increase sufficient?  
"It is if they are going to adequately fund special education," said Farmington board Treasurer Jack Inch, adding "the state's got money."

On the plus side, Reid said he was satisfied to see appropriations in the measure for early intervention programs. That will allow help for younger students who might be struggling, identifying problems and working to solve them.

The foundation allowance increase will provide some kind of safety net for the potential arrival of vouchers, which voters will determine in November, Sharp said.

"If the voucher proposal passes, our per-pupil funding can't dip below what they passed," he explained.

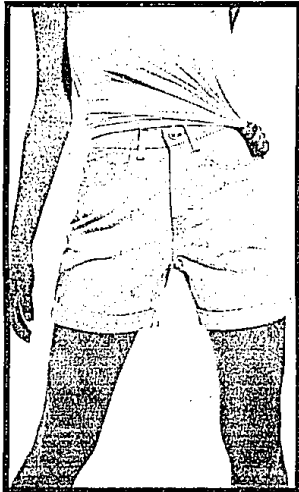
Enberg did comment that, "It's nice to see lower-spending districts are catching up (in foundation grants), which is what Proposal A was supposed to do."

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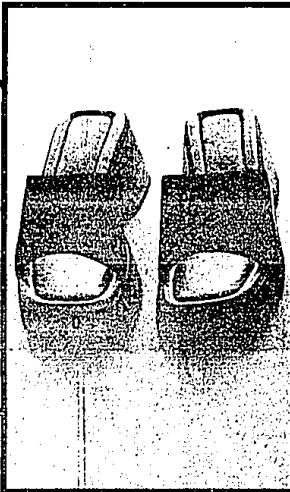
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